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5. ☒ A list of 8 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- ☒ Enclosed is a Japanese language office action for a counterpart application.

- ☒ The applicant has provided machine translations for Japanese Publication Numbers 2001-309642, 2001-286125 and 2004-096881 as a matter of courtesy. The applicant has not reviewed the translations for accuracy.
- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,396,772 (counterpart to PCT/JP99/07002)	05/28/02	YABE, et al.			
	6,236,394 (counterpart to PCT/JP98/01394)	05/22/01	Masuhide IKEDA			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	98/44621 – PCT/JP98/01394 (counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 6,236,394)	10/08/98	WO			Abstract	
	00/41041 – PCT/JP99/07002 (counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 6,396,772)	07/13/00	WO			Abstract	
	2001-309642	11/02/01	JAPAN			Abstract & Machine Translation	
	2001-286125	10/12/01	JAPAN			Abstract & Machine Translation	
	03-118758	05/21/91	JAPAN			Abstract	
	2004-096881	03/25/04	JAPAN			Abstract & Machine Translation	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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